

INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB W9JP.

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MEETINGS for April 1982

16th. Inspection tour Indianapolis Police Radio

30th Inspection tour WRTV Channel 6, Transmitter Site.

MEETING

April 16th. This is your chance to visit the facilities of the Indianapolis Police radio located at Williar Park, 1700 E. Washington St. Gather at 7:30 PM use the State Ave entrance just south of Washington St. SEE YOU THERE.

BIG NEWS FROM NEWINGTON

The ARRL Board of Directors has elected Vic Clark, W4KFC as incoming president of ARRL and Dave Sumner, K1ZZ as general manager. This seems to be among most amateurs in the know to be quite satisfactory. Harry Dannals, W2HD who is outgoing president and who was aspiring to the general manager spot did not receive enough votes to make it. Harry had been for some time under pressure due to difficulties in various director elections. Harry may not be completely out of ARRL politics .. rumors are that he would like to run for New England director slot... The members will have a shot at that idea when the election comes up in October.

Don Miller, W9NTP, former General division director has considerable support for the election in October. A nominating petition will be available at the INDY hamfest.

PROGRAM REVIEWS

The March 26th meeting turned out to be a lot of fun with not one but 4 programs. Jerry Lucas, W9BS demonstrated his home brew Inductance meter which with proper use gave inductance values of accuracy comparable to a vastly more expensive Hewlett Packard machine. Morie Lortz WA9SDL presented the latest WESTLINK news tape which is becoming one of the fastest means of finding out what is going on in the amateur world.

Win Clark, W9JIY came up with another of his antenna innovations. This time a Quagi made out of copper tubing. Copper is an excellent antenna material and due to a reduced demand in both housing and auto industry has been coming down in price recently. WA9SDL came back on with some video tape of the recent Columbis blast off which was much better than what was seen on most TV newscasts.

FOR SALE

18 AVQ Antenna, Good Condition, \$65.00

Contact Bill Parsons 545-9423.

HELP

Any one have info on the ML-357A tube ? Spec sheet, reference book or whatever. Dave Timmerman, WB9CER has one and it looks like it ought to be good for something Can't find info Contact Dave at 897-2052.

INDIANA RADIO CLUB COUNCIL Met on April 4 at the Red Cross. Changes at ARRL headquarters were discussed along with the coming election in October of the Central Division Director.

A fight almost developed over the 20 meter band expansion. FCC proposed general, advanced and extra in new phone portion at 14.150 to 14.200. Lots of ideas on this. Finally a resolution was agreed on that would provide for a dividing line at 14.225 with general above and extra / advanced below. Comments may be filed with FCC through July 1.

A serious threat to us is developing. Cable TV is growing all the time. It has freqs within several amateur bands. In theory it is a closed system. Outside signals stay out and inside signals stay in....maybe. With miles of cables, line amps, hundred of connections, fouled up TV sets and other nasties of the real world we are in for more trouble and problems. If you hear anything that sounds like TV on any amateur freq or have complaints from cable users about your amateur transmissions record details and bring to IRC or contact direct with Walt Breining, N9WB R.R. 1. Spiceland, Ind. 47385. If you have enough antenna call W9WB on the Spiceland repeater, 147.99/39. Walt is the Ind. coordinator for Amateur/Cable affairs.

#### VISITOR

John Jones, W9FZW of Camden Tenn, a former president of IRC was in town April 8-11. He was visiting friends and relatives in the area and was on 10/70.

#### YOU AND THE ARRL

By Bruce Woodward W9UMH, SCM/SEC Indiana.

I am always interested in finding out why a person joins ARRL. I know why I am a Member. I caught the Public Service BUG. About 2000 hams in Indiana have this BUG. They are not all ARRL members. I think the largest number of members join ARRL for the magazine QST. About 50% of QST is advertising. All the major manufacturers and many "small fry" advertise in QST I am sure these people would not do it unless they thought it was of great benefit to their company and product. If you are interested in the state of the art in commercial products, Taking QST is a must.

The next 25% of QST is devoted to technical articles. Don Miller, W9NTP when he was a director, complained about the quantity and the quality of QST technical articles. I think the technical articles in QST are as good or better than anyone else's.

The final 25% of QST is devoted to Organization; Regulations, Contests, News and Public Service. I write a monthly article for QST. It is part of this 25%. The article deals mainly with reports, traffic nets, messages handled, public service activities and awards, Silent Keys, Appointments and a small amount of space for comments.

There are those who say this last part of QST should occupy less space, or be published in a separate publication. I disagree, the vast majority of the amateurs are more interested in this side of the hobby, rather than the technical side.

I believe recognition must be given to those activities which truly represent amateur radio as a hobby. If you do not read QST from cover to cover, you are not really with the hobby and you are missing a great amount of the "fun" of amateur radio.

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MEETING APRIL 30, 1982.

Meet at Channel 6, WRTV, transmitter site... 7 PM. at 79th and Township RD. Lynn Boyd, K9UPM, Chief engineer will show the facilities including the Earth Station Equipment.. This should be very interesting so don't miss it BE THERE.

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